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REPLY TO ACTION OF JULY 7, 2003

In reply to the Office Action of July 7, 2003, Applicant submits the following remarks.

Claims 1-8 are pending.

Non-Statutory Double Patenting

Claims 1-8 were rejected for non-statutory (obviousness-type) double patenting as unpatentable over claims 1-6 of U.S. Patent No. 6,495,379.

The Applicants have enclosed a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.321(c) signed by their attorney of record. However, the Applicants do not concede that it is obvious that the adhesive layer will have to be peeled off in order to separate the semiconductor chips from one another.

The Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the non-statutory double patenting rejection and allowance of all pending claims.

Enclosed is a check for \$110 for the statutory disclaimer fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

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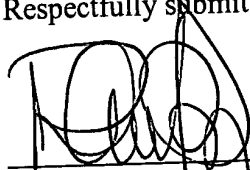
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